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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My citizenship, residence and mailing address are provided on the Application Data Sheet filed with this application.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention identified by DeMont & Breyer's Attorney Docket as **9771-013US** with International Application No. **PCT/EP2005/002247** with International Filing Date **3 Mar 2005**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this declaration.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification and that it discloses the best mode of practicing the invention as I believe it to be.

I hereby acknowledge that in the event of a conflict of interest between the assignee of this application and me, the firm of DeMont & Breyer, LLC is the attorney for the assignee of this application and is not my attorney.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with **Customer Number 22897** as my attorneys and agents to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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